

BALANCE-SHEET of the New Zealand Post Office Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1897.

	Balances on 1st January, 1897.		Transactions.		Balances on 31st December, 1897.	
	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.
MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money orders (General) ..	20,407 17 11	..	1,046,886 14 1	1,046,086 12 3	21,207 19 9	..
United Kingdom, &c. ..	11,622 6 4	..	85,774 9 4	82,503 7 5	14,893 8 3	..
United States of America ..	1,176 18 3	..	7,574 0 1	8,057 5 2	693 13 2	..
Canada ..	..	1 18 0	1,019 0 11	1,068 19 11	..	51 17 0
Cape Colony ..	..	272 18 6	1,088 4 4	1,475 12 0	..	660 6 2
Ceylon ..	..	..	361 12 8	392 16 4	16 1 7	..
Germany ..	47 5 3	..	1,562 6 1	1,073 17 3	488 8 10	..
Hongkong ..	430 6 11	..	1,340 1 11	1,260 15 0	509 13 10	..
Hawaii ..	..	..	3 0 4	11 8 11	..	8 8 7
India ..	345 19 9	..	1,228 19 0	1,317 5 4	257 13 5	..
New South Wales ..	2,900 13 8	..	30,627 13 7	30,832 19 3	2,695 8 0	..
Queensland ..	..	270 15 6	3,206 9 8	3,149 6 2	..	213 12 0
South Australia ..	163 12 11	..	2,108 4 7	2,130 9 3	141 8 3	..
Straits Settlements ..	11 13 1	..	49 10 6	27 16 0	33 7 7	..
Tasmania ..	830 1 5	..	44,727 7 7	44,577 16 4	979 12 8	..
Victoria ..	4,128 0 3	..	33,787 8 5	35,518 18 11	2,396 9 9	..
Western Australia ..	..	1,887 3 11	9,232 4 3	8,460 4 1	..	1,115 3 9
Commission ..	..	437 12 10	1,368 10 5	1,474 12 7	..	543 15 0
SAVINGS-BANK ACCOUNTS:—						
Deposits and withdrawals ..	4,311,634 13 5	..	3,324,459 10 4	2,891,169 5 8	4,744,924 18 1	..
Transfers ..	1,660 1 7	..	182,489 2 8	182,229 8 7	1,919 15 8	..
TELEGRAPH ACCOUNTS:—						
Receipts ..	1,049 7 4	..	181,586 15 6½	181,216 1 10	1,420 1 0½	..
New South Wales ..	2,410 13 9	..	37,112 1 6	36,787 11 8	2,735 3 7	..
New Zealand & Australian Cable ..	555 16 9	..	8,829 2 8	8,637 5 0	747 14 5	..
POSTAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:—						
Stamps ..	122,164 14 11	..	337,126 5 6½	342,771 4 5	116,519 16 0½	..
Postal Guides ..	1 1 0	..	330 17 6	331 16 0	0 2 6	..
Private box and bag rents ..	..	..	5,390 15 0	5,390 15 0	..	..
Miscellaneous receipts ..	296 13 10	..	2,985 2 10	2,527 3 5½	754 13 2½	..
Money-order commission ..	..	..	13,878 10 4	13,878 10 4	..	..
Total revenue ..	1,195 15 4½	..	239,557 2 10½	241,996 7 8	..	1,243 9 5
GENERAL ACCOUNTS:—						
Post Office Account ..	..	205,511 19 10	2,976,673 5 10	2,881,975 4 3	..	110,813 18 3
Postmasters and Telegraphists ..	..	245,946 17 1½	6,086,895 11 5	6,087,392 14 1	..	246,443 19 9½
Investments ..	..	4,190,577 7 8	801,837 0 0	1,284,306 0 0	..	4,673,046 7 8
Accrued interest on investments ..	..	33,321 10 7	33,321 10 7	40,560 12 5	..	40,560 12 5
Postal notes ..	66,762 12 2	..	141,387 7 8½	136,348 9 3½	71,801 10 7	..
Maintenance of private wires ..	..	..	1,127 4 1	1,127 4 1	..	..
Registration of code addresses ..	..	..	367 0 0	367 0 0	..	..
Telephone exchanges ..	..	..	34,658 1 8	34,658 1 8	..	..
Foreign postage ..	6,503 14 0	..	12,970 16 11	5,504 0 3	13,970 10 8	..
Miscellaneous expenses ..	17,298 1 2	..	415,526 5 10	471,861 8 9	..	39,037 1 9
General Post Office Fine Fund ..	0 10 0	..	4 0 0	3 10 0	1 0 0	..
Cable Subsidy Account ..	..	..	1,232 11 1	1,232 11 1	..	..
FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS—						
Auctioneers' license-fees ..	..	..	25 10 0	25 10 0	..	..
Advances to settlers ..	17,331 11 0	..	439,590 13 4	452,810 2 5	4,112 1 11	..
Alcoholic Liquors Act ..	..	..	43 5 0	43 5 0	..	..
County Clerks ..	..	..	316 5 6	316 5 6	..	..
Customs duty (parcels) ..	691 4 3	..	9,567 12 11	9,318 8 4	940 8 10	..
(H.M.C.) ..	105 18 6	..	1,309 18 6	1,310 11 4	105 5 8	..
Education Department ..	..	..	1 0 0	1 0 0	..	..
Factories Act ..	..	..	17 17 0	17 17 0	..	..
Election deposits ..	..	..	10 0 0	10 0 0	..	..
Game licenses ..	..	..	1,724 10 0	1,724 10 0	..	..
Fishing licenses ..	3 0 0	..	271 15 0	246 0 0	28 15 0	..
Goldfields revenue ..	0 3 0	..	..	..	0 3 0	..
Geraldine County Council ..	..	..	477 6 4	477 6 4	..	..
Government Insurance ..	1,998 3 2	..	28,059 19 7	27,286 0 11	2,772 1 10	..
Government Audit ..	..	..	10 13 4	7 0 0	3 13 4	..
Government Printer ..	31 4 3	..	331 7 9	353 17 11	8 14 1	..
Gum licenses ..	..	..	4 0 0	4 0 0	..	..
Harbourmasters ..	..	..	38 11 11	38 11 11	..	..
Hospital and charitable aid ..	..	..	3 17 6	3 17 6	..	..
Income-tax ..	43 15 5	..	62,633 0 11	62,556 0 0	120 16 4	..
Industrial schools ..	..	..	9 0 0	9 0 0	..	..
Land-tax ..	324 9 1	..	191,975 16 11	191,963 0 0	337 6 0	..
Licensing Act ..	..	..	20 0 0	20 0 0	..	..
Live-stock ..	..	..	17,891 4 7	17,891 4 7	..	..
Lunacy ..	23 10 0	..	71 0 0	89 10 0	5 0 0	..
Machinery ..	241 5 0	..	3,508 11 0	3,426 2 6	323 13 6	..
Miners' Guides ..	0 18 0	..	0 3 0	..	1 1 0	..
Mining Act ..	3,139 17 0	..	1,380 6 0	1,374 8 0	3,145 15 0	..
New Zealand Consols ..	..	..	10,315 0 0	10,315 0 0	..	..
Official Assignee ..	0 12 6	..	..	..	0 12 6	..
Property-tax ..	..	..	10 8 3	10 8 3	..	..
Public baths ..	23 13 8	..	334 0 2	327 18 6	29 15 4	..
Public Trust ..	4,975 2 4	..	302,358 6 7	301,872 10 4	5,460 18 7	..
Railways ..	1,497 7 4	..	15,338 8 11	15,609 12 4	1,226 3 11	..
Registration of births, &c. ..	196 10 6	..	2,053 6 6	2,036 7 0	213 10 0	..
Rents ..	13 10 0	..	160 8 0	152 18 2	20 19 10	..
Profit and loss ..	73,987 17 11	..	217,751 2 6	195,965 15 2	95,773 5 3	..
Totals ..	4,678,228 3 11½	4,678,228 3 11½	17,419,306 6 8	17,419,306 6 8	5,113,738 11 9½	5,113,738 11 9½

R. J. SEDDON, Postmaster-General.

Examined and found correct, except that the payments charged to the Miscellaneous Expenses Account exceeded by £39,037 1s. 9d. the amount of the Imprest advances which the Post Office had received for the purpose, and out of which alone the payments could lawfully have been made, and that consequently the payments have been made to that amount out of Post Office funds not applicable thereto.

J. K. WARBURTON,

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Controller and Auditor-General.

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